✠ TWO WEEKS IN OUR PARISH ✠

Sunday 22nd November CHRIST THE KING	**10:00am –** Denis Mc Kiernan
Monday 23rd November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	**NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY**
Tuesday 24th November *SS Andrew Dung-Lac & companions*	*Mass at St Mark's Westerhope – 10:00am*
Wednesday 25th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	*Mass at St John Vianney's – 10:00am*
Thursday 26th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	*Mass at St Cuthbert's Throckley – 10:00am*
Friday 27th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	*Mass at St. Mark's, Westerhope – 10:00am*
Saturday 28th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	**NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY**
Sunday 29th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	**10:00am –** Fr. Vincent Malia BP
Monday 30th November *St Andrew, Apostle - FEAST*	**NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY**
Tuesday 1st December *Weekday in Advent*	*Mass at St Mark's Westerhope – 10:00am*
Wednesday 2nd December *Weekday in Advent*	**10:00am –** Denis McKiernan
Thursday 3rd December *St Francis Xavier, Priest*	**10:00am –** In thanksgiving BP
Friday 4th December *Weekday in Advent*	**10:00am –** Deceased of the Sherwin and Butchart Families
Saturday 5th December *Weekday in Advent*	**NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY**
Sunday 6th Decmber SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	**10:00am –** The Glancey Family

Please ensure all items for the bulletin are with us by 5pm on Wednesday 2nd December

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POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR **NOVEMBER**

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

22ND NOVEMBER 2026

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

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✠ THE NEWS FOR THE PEWS ✠

WE WELCOME FR PETER AKOR…

as the new Parish Priest of St John Vianney's, St Mark's Westerhope and St Cuthbert's Throckley. Working closely with our neighbouring Parishes we are now promoting the Mass times in each other's churches when one of the Priest's is absent.

YOUTH SUNDAY IS TODAY!

Thank you to our younger parishioners who faithfully attend Mass at St Matthews each week; you are an inspiration to us all! There will be the annual 2nd collection for the diocesan Youth Service at Mass (Sunday 22nd November).

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADENT

During Advent there will be the opportunity for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before our weekday Masses from 9.30am. Please avail of this opportunity to come along to spend time with the Lord in silent adoration as your preparation for Christmas this year!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

The Christmas Vigil Mass will be at 5pm on Christmas Eve and Mass on Christmas day will be at 10am. Please remember to invite your family members from far and wide to join us for Christmas; everyone is welcome! Please note the Intentions for these Masses have now been allocated, so why not sponsor a Christmas Candle of your own for the Mass instead! Read on….

THE LAUNCH OF OUR NEW "CHRISTMAS SANCTUARY CANDLES"-

Here is a special way of remembering a Loved-One's Memory or your own special intention for the living in Church this Christmas. Your candle will be labelled with your intention to burn over the Christmas Masses and then dedicated for your chosen week of the year at the sanctuary in the Church/ Day chapel or (a blue candle) for Our Lady's statue. A list of the weekly sanctuary candles will be published for the full year at the beginning of the year. There are special envelopes available for you to take away today to add your intention and make your donation (We suggest £10 per candle/ intention.) Simply place your completed envelope into the collection or hand it to Fr Hastie. I assure you It is very moving experience to see these candles burning around the Christmas Crib. These Christmas Candles celebrating the Light of Christ who has come into the World have proved very popular in every Parish I have served and sell out very quickly; so please do not delay in reserving yours. You can have as many candles as you require for your relatives and friends.

THE LAUNCH OF OUR NEW "CHRISTMAS SANCTUARY CANDLES"-

SPCIMA thank St Matthews for their donation following our Big brew event. £513 was raised with funds being directed towards a water project in Uganda

✠ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING ✠

First reading *from the book of Ezekiel*

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **(R)**

Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name. **(R)**

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R)**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. **(R)**

Second reading *first letter of St Paul to Corinthians*

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia.

Gospel *according to Matthew*

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." 'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" Then he will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

✠ THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✠

First reading *from the book of Isaiah*

You, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name. O Lord, why do you make us wander from your ways and harden our heart, so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. O that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence. You came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse up your might and come to save us. **(R)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the stock your right hand has planted, the son you have claimed for yourself. **(R)**

May your hand be on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have confirmed as your own. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R)**

Second reading *first letter of St Paul to Corinthians*

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand to greet the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel **Mark 13:33-37**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning — lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.